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Dear Sir/Madame:

Enclosed herewith, in original and four copies, are the comments of Brett E. Miller regarding a Notice of Proposed Rule Making, MM Docket No. 94-61, Garberville and Hydesville, California.

If there are any questions, please contact me at the above address and/or telephone number.

Thank you,

Brett E. Miller

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### Before the Federal Communications Commission Washington, DC. 20554

In the Matter of	)	MM Docket No.	94-61 OEIVET
Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations. (Garberville and Hydesville, California)	) ) ) ) )	RM-8464	AUG 2 6 1994  **PRODUCTION OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

To: Chief, Allocations Branch

#### COMMENTS OF PETITIONER

I, Brett E. Miller, permittee of Station KWEO (FM), Channel 279C1, Garberville, California, respectfully submit these comments in support of the above-referenced Rule Making requesting the reallotment of Channel 279C1 from Garberville to Hydesville, California, and the modification of the construction permit to specify Hydesville as its community of license.

I hereby confirm my commitment to proceed with an application for a construction permit upon the reallotment as modified herein, and once the construction permit is granted, I will proceed promptly to construct the Station.

In its Notice of Proposed Rule Making, the Commission has requested further information regarding reception in the gain and loss areas. That information is contained in the attached Engineering Statement.

During the time between the filing of the Petition for Rule Making and the preparation of these Comments, and in the attempt to expedite first service at Hydesville, further engineering studies have been conducted to prove coverage characteristics from a currently existing-and-available transmission site.

As a result of these studies, it has been determined that, from the existing-and-available transmission site from which to place a city grade signal over Hydesville, Channel 279C1 has an I.F. short spacing problem with station KXGO (FM), Arcata, CA. However, it has been determined that Channel 231C1 would be fully spaced from the existing-and-available transmission site, with the gain and loss figures shown in the attached Engineering Statement. Also indicated are several channels of various class of service which may be allocated to Garberville and/or the loss area, should there be an expression of interest.

Additionally, as the attached Engineering Statement indicates, coverage from the currently proposed reference coordinates for the Hydesville allocation will result in an improved, higher level of signal strength over Garberville than had been previously indicated in the Petition's proposed reference coordinates.

In summary, I hereby request that the current Petition for Rule Making be modified as follows:

- 1. The construction permit for Station KWEO (FM) be modified to provide for a change of community from Garberville, California, to Hydesville, California; and
- 2. The allocated Channel for KWEO (FM) be modified from Channel 279C1 to Channel 231C1.

The results of the above would be as follows:

City

### Channel Number Present Proposed

Garberville, CA Hydesville, CA

216C3, 279C1, 284C

216C3, 284C 279C1

#### Conclusion

I am very desirous of perfecting the construction permit to construct Station KWEO (FM), while maximizing the utilization of spectrum, constructing the Station in a timely manner, and especially providing first aural service to the community of Hydesville. I believe the above proposal, as modified, is in the public interest. Within the loss area, there are several other channels available, should there be an expression of interest.

Respectfully submitted,

Brett E. Miller

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# ENGINEERING EXHIBITS IN SUPPORT OF COMMENTS TO NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE MAKING

August 24, 1994

Radio Station KWEO(FM)
Brett E. Miller
FCC MM Docket No. 94-61
FM Channel 231C1 - 94.1 Megahertz
Hydesville, California



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### EXHIBIT E-1 ENGINEERING STATEMENT

The information and data contained within these Engineering Exhibits were prepared on behalf of Brett E. Miller, permittee of FM broadcast station KWEO(FM), 103.7 Megahertz, Channel 279C1, in support of comments to Notice of Proposed Rule Making, MM Docket No. 94-61, released July 5, 1994. The petitioner now requests that Channel 231C1 be allotted to Hydesville instead of Channel 279C1, and that Channel 279C1 be deleted from Garberville.

#### I. DISCUSSION

In paragraph four of the <u>Notice</u>, the Commission requested additional information from the petitioner concerning existing aural broadcast services within the proposed gain and loss areas. This report serves to address these issues by providing the requested information.

Exhibit E-2 is a map showing the KWEO(FM), BMPH-930827IE, 60 dB $\mu$  service contour at Garberville and the 60 dB $\mu$  contour from a hypothetical Class C1 facility operating at the proposed allotment reference coordinates for Hydesville. The Channel 231C1 reference coordinates are:

North Latitude: 40 degrees, 25 minutes, 12 seconds West Longitude: 124 degrees, 05 minutes, 00 seconds

For each FM station presented in these exhibits, terrain elevation data from three to sixteen kilometers on radials spaced at five-degree azimuthal intervals starting with True North were extracted from the computerized thirty-second point elevation database version of **Elevation Data for North America**, available from the Department of Commerce, National Geophysical Data Center, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. A total of 131 points along each radial were linearly interpolated according to § 73.312(d).

The height above average terrain along each of the 72 radials was computed by averaging the elevations between three and sixteen kilometers below the antenna radiation center in accordance with § 73.313(d)(3).

The locations of the 60 dB $\mu$  F(50,50) service contours were calculated according to the computer methods outlined in F.C.C. publication PB-249144, <u>Field Strength Calculations for TV and FM Broadcasting</u>. The computer methods use digitized data taken directly from the graph of § 73.333 Figure 1. Intermediate values are obtained using bivariate interpolation techniques for surface fitting.

Note that, in the Petition for Rule Making, the petitioner had used terrain data extracted from the Defense Mapping Agency three arc-second point elevation database along one-degree azimuthal intervals to determine the KWEO(FM) contours from Garberville and Hydesville. In this study, however, thirty-second terrain data were used to determine the extent of the contours

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from other aural broadcast services. Therefore, for consistency, the KWEO(FM) Garberville and Hydesville contours as represented herein were determined using the thirty-second terrain database. Thus, slight differences exist in the areas and populations contained within the KWEO(FM) contours from those represented in the original petition. Exhibits E-12A and E-12B tabulate the areas and populations within the Garberville and Hydesville contours, respectively, as determined using the thirty-second terrain data.

#### II. LOSS AREA

A study was conducted to determine the number of AM and FM stations that provide full-time aural broadcast service to the area contained within the authorized KWEO(FM) 60 dB $\mu$  service contour at Garberville that will not be served from the Hydesville facility. Exhibit E-3 shows the extent of this proposed loss area.

Pursuant to footnote five of the <u>Notice</u>, full-time AM reception service is defined by the station's nighttime interference-free contour for non-Class A stations, and by the 0.5 mV/m groundwave contour for Class A stations. Exhaustive nighttime interference studies were performed for all of the full-time AM facilities within the vicinity of the authorized and proposed KWEO(FM) 60 dBµ contours to determine those AM stations that provide service to the areas.

Also studied were the  $60 \text{ dB}\mu$  contours of all FM stations in the area to identify those that provide some overlap to the KWEO(FM) contours at Garberville and Hydesville. Exhibit E-8 tabulates the list of stations that provide aural broadcast reception within the proposed loss area.

Exhibit E-3 shows the authorized and proposed KWEO(FM) service contours, and the service contours of the AM and FM stations that provide aural service within the proposed loss and gain areas. Exhibits E-4A through E-4D are a series of maps showing the proposed loss area and the contours of the aural service providers. Shading is used to represent the areas that receive a specific number of aural broadcast services corresponding to the number indicated in the title block of the map. Exhibit E-6 tabulates these data and depicts the populations and areas (land and water) within the identified regions.

The results of this study indicate that the proposed change in principal community will not create any white or gray areas. In fact, all but 16 persons residing within the proposed loss area will continue to receive at least three aural reception services and over 49 percent of the population will continue to receive five or more services.

#### III. GAIN AREA

The same type of study was performed to determine the number of existing aural broadcast reception services within the KWEO(FM) proposed gain area. A list of aural service providers is tabulated in exhibit E-9.

Exhibits E-5A and E-5B are maps showing the areas within the proposed KWEO(FM) Hydesville contour but outside of the authorized Garberville contour that already receive four and five-plus aural reception services. Again, each level of service is shaded and corresponds to the number shown in the title block.

The proposed Class C1 facility at Hydesville will result in a fifth service to 2,722 persons. These distribution data are tabulated in Exhibit E-7.

Exhibit E-10 is a map depicting the KWEO(FM) Garberville and Hydesville contours and the distribution of 1990 U.S. Census blocks in the area.

#### IV. ALTERNATE CHANNELS

In the event that a suitable expression of interest is received from a party desiring to provide additional service to Hydesville, Garberville or the surrounding areas, there are several channels available within the proposed loss area, including the equivalent class Channel 279C1 that the petitioner proposes to abandon.

Exhibits E-11A through E-11J show the fully spaced areas to locate these Class A, C3 and C1 channels for compliance with the spacing requirements of § 73.207. Furthermore, an applicant could available itself of the provisions of § 73.215 to expand the area in which an acceptably short-spaced transmitter site could be located.

#### V. CONCLUSION

The petitioner reaffirms his intention to apply for Channel 231C1 at Hydesville if it is allotted and, if authorized, to build the requested facilities promptly.

It is believed that all methods employed in making the determinations contained within this Engineering Statement were in accordance with applicable F.C.C. Rules and Regulations and good engineering practice.

Lawrence L. Morton, P.E. Consulting Engineer to the Petitioner August 24, 1994

#### **AFFIDAVIT**

State of California	)	
	)	ss:
<b>County of Orange</b>	)	

Lawrence L. Morton, being first duly sworn upon oath, deposes and says:

- That he is a qualified engineer,
- That he is a Registered Professional Engineer in the State of California,
- That he is a member of the Association of Federal Communications Consulting Engineers,
- That his qualifications are a matter of record with the Federal Communications Commission,
- That he has prepared many broadcast applications and engineering exhibits that have been filed with and granted by the Federal Communications Commission,
- That he has carried out such engineering work and that the results thereof are attached hereto and form part of this affidavit, and

• That the foregoing statement and the report regarding the aforementioned engineering work are true and correct of his own knowledge.

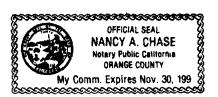
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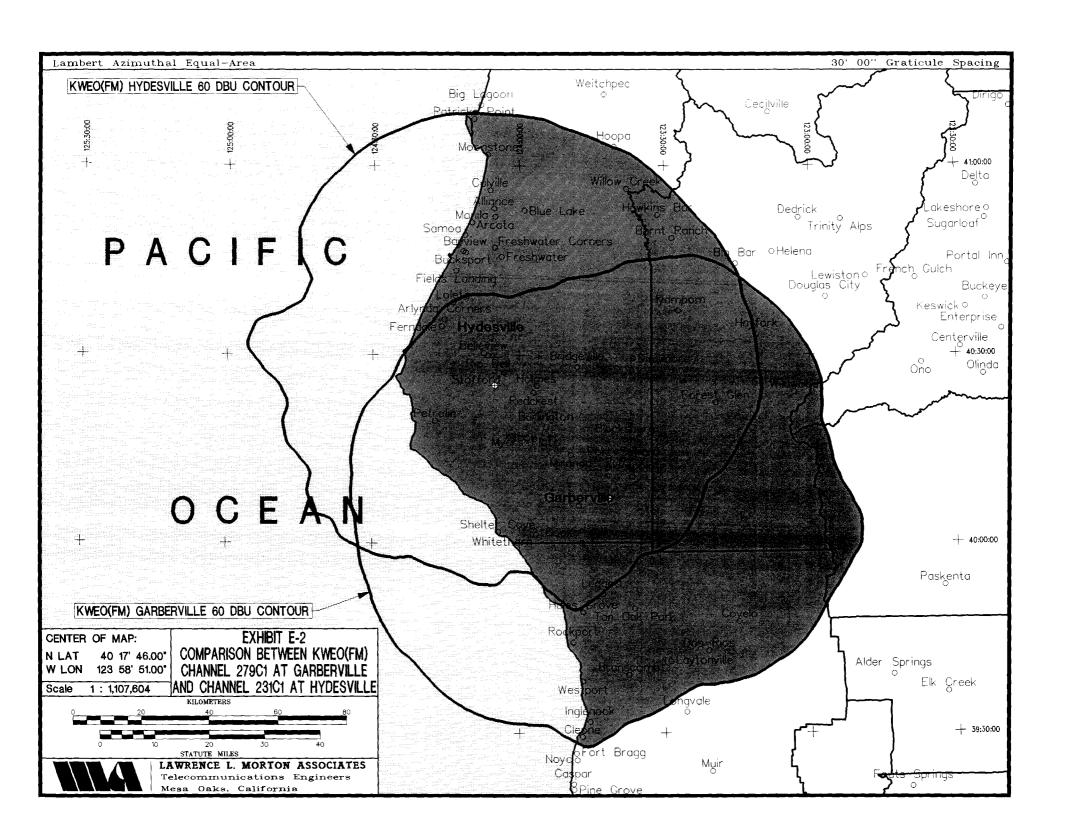
Lawrence L. Morton, P.E.

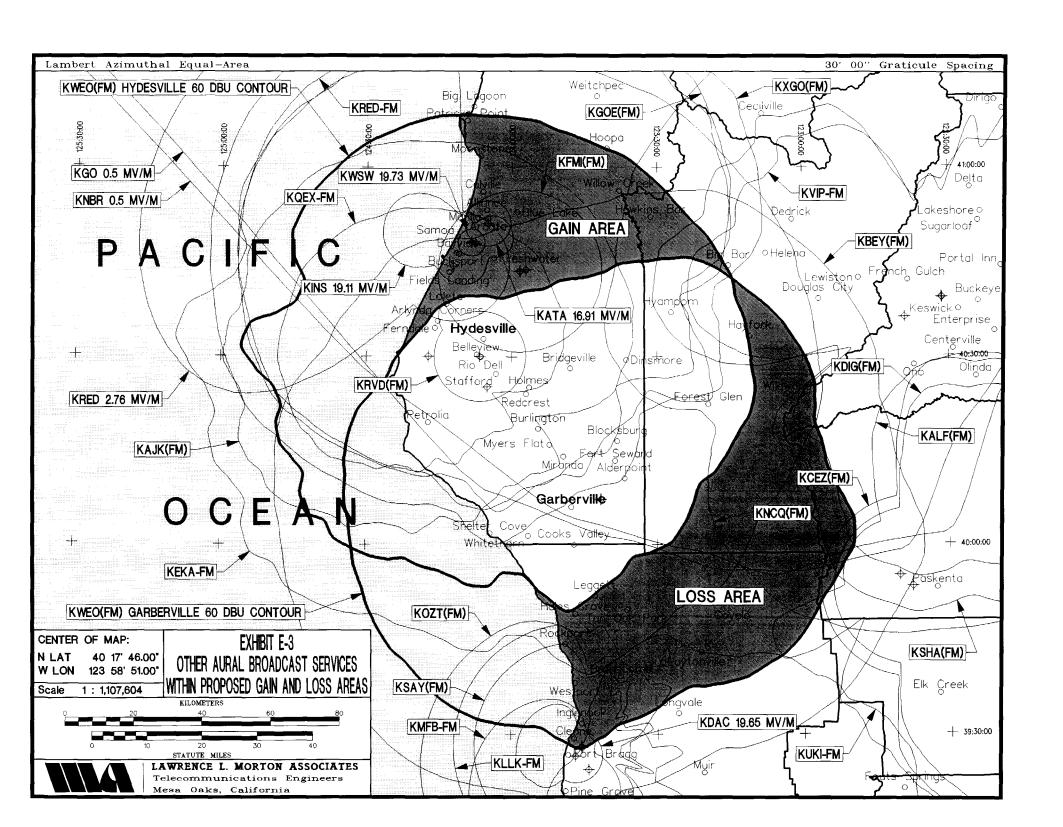
On August 24, 1994, before me, Nancy A. Chase, a Notary Public, in and for the State of California, personally appeared Lawrence L. Morton known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that he executed the same.

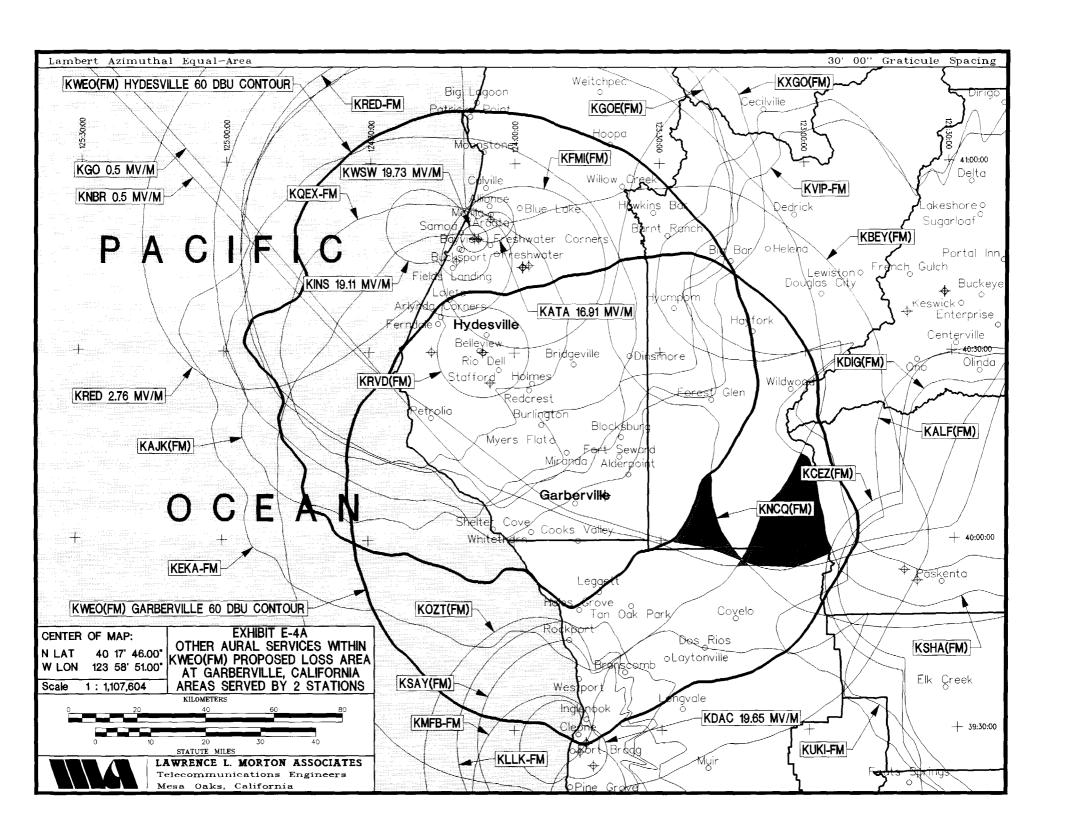
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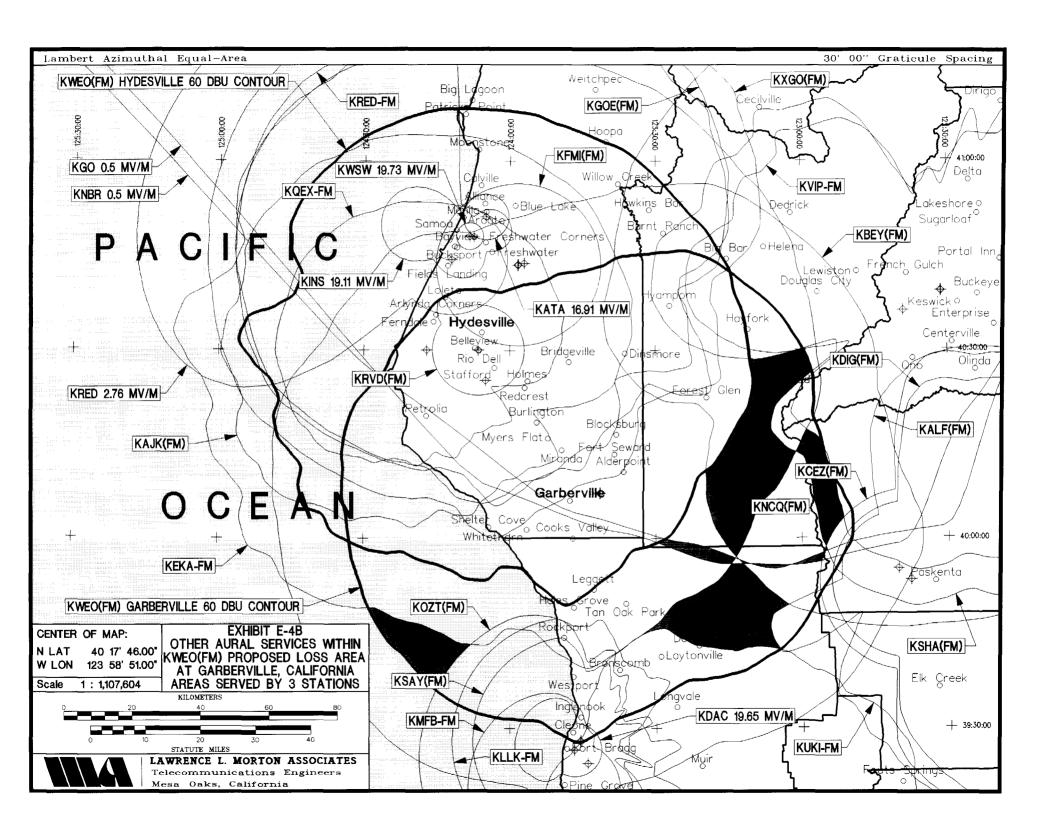
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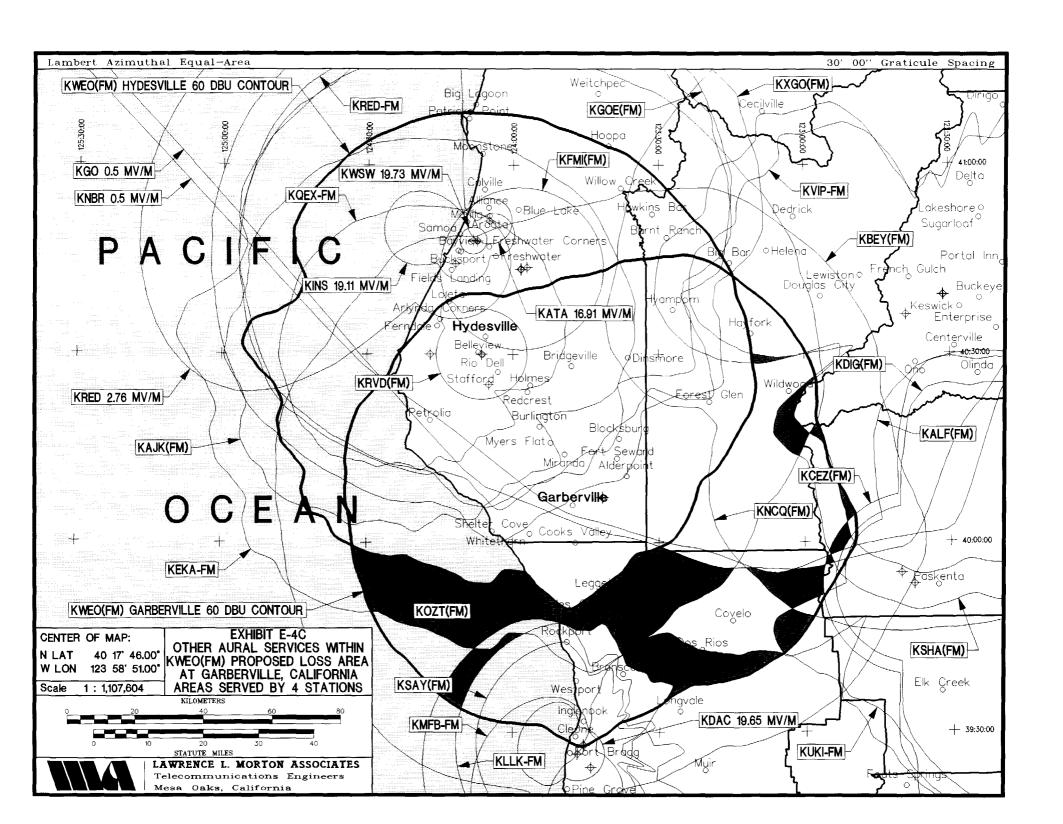


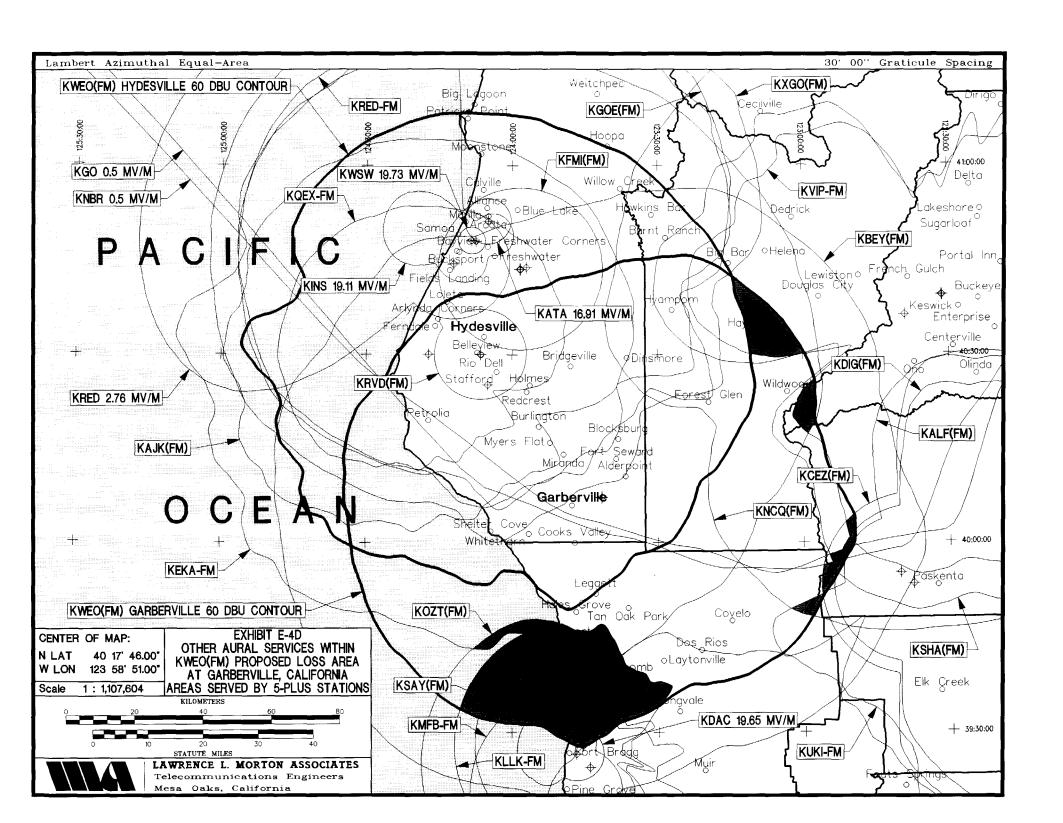


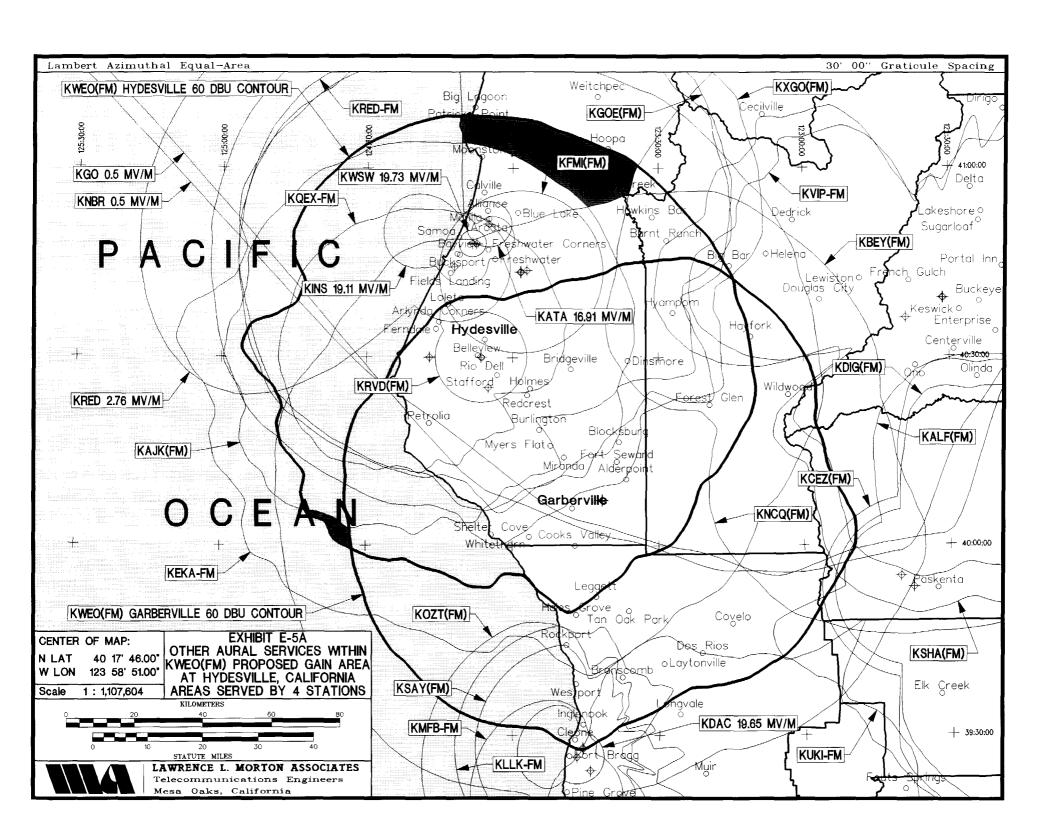


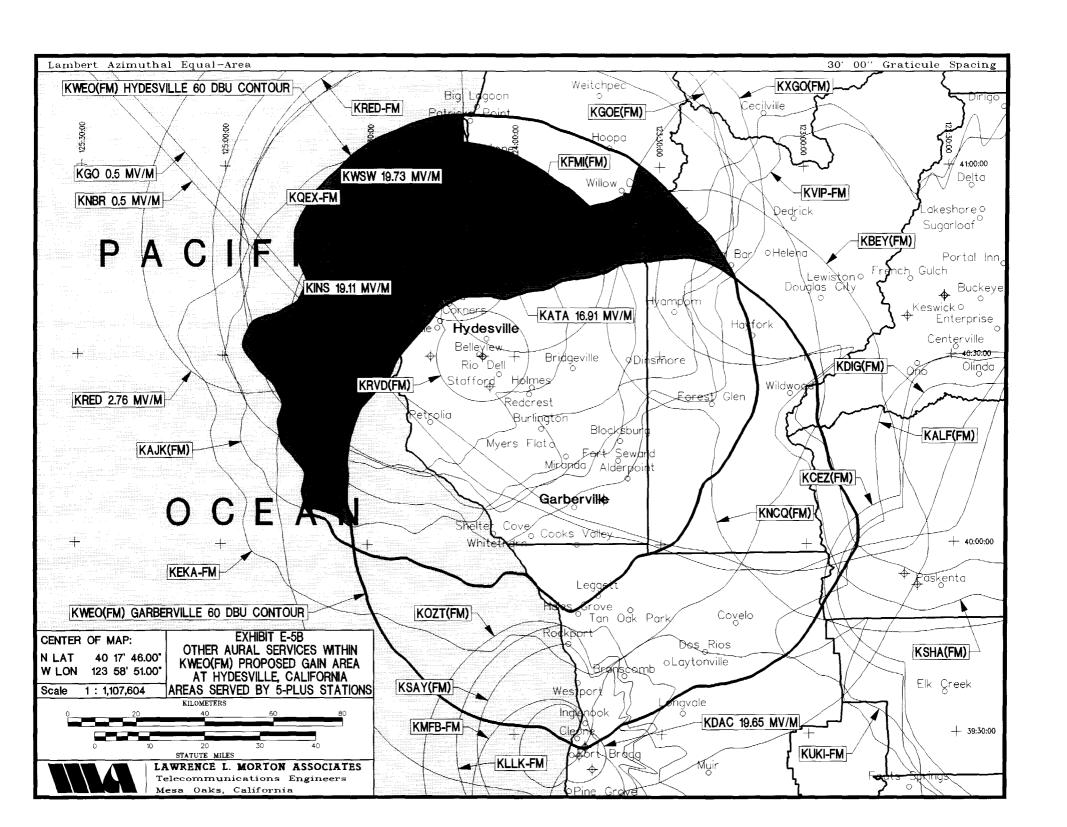












# EXHIBIT E-6 OTHER AURAL SERVICES WITHIN KWEO(FM) PROPOSED LOSS AREA AT HYDESVILLE

Brett E. Miller August 1994

NUMBER OF STATIONS		LAND AREA	POPULATION		
SERVING THIS AREA	SQUARE KILOMETERS	SQUARE MILES	% OF LOSS AREA	1990 CENSUS POPULATION	% OF LOSS AREA
0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	0.00
1	0.34	0.13	0.00	0	0.00
2	667.37	257.67	9.45	16	0.17
3	1,956.74	755.50	27.72	2,128	22.11
4	2,649.82	1,023.10	37.53	2,758	28.66
5	842.03	325.11	11.93	2,554	26.54
6	565.27	218.25	8.01	545	5.66
7	244.96	94.58	3.47	252	2.62
8	125.63	48.51	1.78	1,325	13.77
9	7.64	2.95	0.11	45	0.47
10	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	0.00
11	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	0.00
12	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	0.00
13	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	0.00
14	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	0.00
15	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	0.00
16	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	0.00
17	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	0.00
18	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	0.00
19	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	0.00
20	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	0.00
21	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	0.00
22	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	0.00
23	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	0.00
24	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	0.00
25	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	0.00
TOTALS:	7,059.81	2,725.81	100.0 %	9,623	100.0 %

# EXHIBIT E-7 OTHER AURAL SERVICES WITHIN KWEO(FM) PROPOSED GAIN AREA AT HYDESVILLE

Brett E. Miller August 1994

NUMBER OF STATIONS	LAND AREA			POPULATION		
SERVING THIS AREA	SQUARE KILOMETERS	SQUARE MILES	% OF GAIN AREA	1990 CENSUS POPULATION	% OF GAIN AREA	
0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	
1	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	
2	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	
3	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	
4	697.70	269.38	10.41	2,722	3.10	
5	829.99	320.46	12.38	13,742	15.66	
6	1,598.85	617.32	23.85	3,874	4.41	
77	1,319.53	509.47	19.68	12,427	14.16	
8	1,046.24	403.96	15.60	5,677	6.47	
9	887.73	342.75	13.24	2,755	3.14	
10	263.13	101.59	3.92	16,943	19.30	
11	54.60	21.08	0.81	29,618	33.75	
12	7.34	2.83	0.11	12	0.01	
13	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	
14	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	
15	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	
16	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	
17	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	
18	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	
19	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	
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21	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	
22	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	
23	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	
24	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	
25+	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	
TOTALS:	6,705.10	2,588.85	100.0 %	87,770	100.0 %	

# EXHIBIT E-8 STATIONS PROVIDING OTHER AURAL SERVICES WITHIN KWEO(FM) PROPOSED LOSS AREA

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NUMBER	CALL LETTERS	CITY	STATE	FREQUENCY
1	KSHA	REDDING	CA	104.3 MHz
2	KUKI-FM	UKIAH	CA	103.3
3	KMFB-FM	MENDOCINO	CA	92.7
4	KEKA-FM	EUREKA	CA	101.5
5	KNCQ	REDDING	CA	97.3
6	KCEZ	CORNING	CA	100.7
7	KALF	RED BLUFF	CA	95.7
8	KBEY	GARBERVILLE	CA	104.7
9	KOZT	FORT BRAGG	CA	95.3
10	KDIG	ORLAND	CA	106.7
11	KVIP-FM	REDDING	CA	98.1
12	KSAY	FORT BRAGG	CA	97.7
13	KLLK-FM	FORT BRAGG	CA	96.7
14	KNBR	SAN FRANCISCO	CA	680. KHz
15	KGO	SAN FRANCISCO	CA	810
16	KDAC	FORT BRAGG	CA	1230

# EXHIBIT E-9 STATIONS PROVIDING OTHER AURAL SERVICES WITHIN KWEO(FM) PROPOSED GAIN AREA

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NUMBER	CALL LETTERS	CITY	STATE	FREQUENCY
1	KRVD	RIO DELL	CA	107.1 MHz
2	KXGO	ARCATA	CA	93.1
3	KQEX-FM	FORTUNA	CA	100.3
4	KSHA	REDDING	CA	104.3
5	KEKA-FM	EUREKA	CA	101.5
6	KNCQ	REDDING	CA	97.3
7	KRED-FM	EUREKA	CA	92.3
8	KGOE	EUREKA	CA	105.5
9	KAJK-FM	FERNDALE	CA	99.1
10	KBEY	GARBERVILLE	CA	104.7
11	KFMI	EUREKA	CA	96.3
12	KVIP-FM	REDDING	CA	98.1
13	KNBR	SAN FRANCISCO	CA	680. KHz
14	KWSW	EUREKA	CA	790
15	KGO	SAN FRANCISCO	CA	810
16	KINS	EUREKA	CA	980
17	KATA	ARCATA	CA	1340
18	KRED	EUREKA	CA	1480

